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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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**Re: Ex Parte Notice in CS Docket Nos. 98-120 and 00-96, and  
MB Docket No. 03-15**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

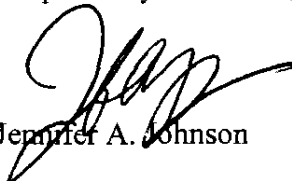
On March 15, 2004, Jonathan Blake and Jennifer Johnson, counsel for the CBS Television Network Affiliates Association and the NBC Television Affiliates, met on the issues of digital cable carriage and the second DTV periodic review with Kenneth Ferree, Deborah Klein, William Johnson, and Rick Chessen of the Media Bureau.

During this meeting, the participants discussed the Media Bureau's current thinking with respect to digital cable carriage and the DTV transition, and the reasons why the current set of ideas would deprive consumers of valued digital services, impede an effective DTV transition, and contravene the statutory requirement that digital signals not be subject to material degradation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an original and five copies (two for each docket number) of this letter are being submitted to the Secretary's office, with a copy to those at the FCC who participated in the meetings.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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